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In the PATENT APPLICATION of:

Pritchard et al.

Application No.: 10/666,471

Confirmation No.: 8870

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING FUSED TUBE ON BAG AND

BAG PRODUCED THEREBY

Group: 3721

Examiner: Hemant Desai

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

MailStop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 13, 2006, the time for responding thereto being extended up until May 13, 2007 by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.